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LETTER DATED 19 FEBRUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF EGYPT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of a press statement, issued at Cairo on 15 February 1991 by a meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Gulf Cooperation Council, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Arab Republic of Egypt, with regard to the communiqué of the Iraqi Revolution Command Council concerning Iraq's readiness to deal with Security Council resolution 660 (1990).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Amre M. MOUSSA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Press statement issued at Cairo on 15 February 1991 by a meeting of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Gulf Cooperation Council, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Arab Republic of Egypt

Meeting at Cairo on Friday, 15 February 1991, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the States members of the Gulf Cooperation Council, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Arab Republic of Egypt considered the statement issued by the Iraqi Revolution Command Council, as broadcast by Radio Baghdad, concerning the readiness of the Iraqi regime to deal with Security Council resolution 660 (1990). As is common knowledge, in its resolution 660, the Council demands that Iraq withdraw immediately and unconditionally all its forces from the State of Kuwait to the positions in which they were located on 1 August 1990. The Ministers view the Iraqi proposal, which contains unacceptable conditions that are not in accord with the resolutions of the Security Council, as lacking in seriousness. The proposal further includes new conditions.

The Iraqi proposal hampers the implementation of the resolutions of the Security Council, which stipulate a complete and unconditional withdrawal from the State of Kuwait and the restoration of legitimacy thereto, and it is, accordingly, to be rejected as a whole and in its various aspects.

The Ministers meeting at Cairo call upon the Iraqi regime to withdraw its forces immediately from the State of Kuwait and to restore legitimacy thereto in implementation of the resolutions of the Arab Summit, the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Security Council, in compliance with inter-Arab and international legitimacy and in accordance with the will of the international community.